



# MEETING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

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## Biography

### John Hrastar

#### Consultant - NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (Retired)

Mr. Hrastar had over 38 years of experience in the aerospace field with NASA before retiring from the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in January 2002. Since retiring from NASA he has been an independent aerospace consultant in systems engineering, project management, and mentoring and coaching.

After three years in the Air Force he started his career at the GSFC in attitude controls and dynamics. He moved from there into mission operations, systems engineering, and then project management. His many projects include the International Sun-earth Explorer (ISEE), part of the Space Station Freedom, Gamma Ray Observatory (GRO), Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM), Global Geospace Science (GGS). He also served as Director of the Earth Systems Science Program Office, and Deputy Director of Space Science, before retiring as the Director of the Systems Technology and Advanced Concepts (STAAC) at the GSFC.

He has numerous technical papers, one patent, and numerous awards. The awards include the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, NASA's highest civilian award. He has been a guest lecturer at MIT and an instructor at the University of Maryland.



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